

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: BIOINFORMATICALLY DETECTABLE  
GROUP OF NOVEL REGULATORY  
BACTERIAL AND BACTERIAL  
ASSOCIATED OLIGONUCLEOTIDES  
AND USES THEREOF

## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Dear Sir:

In response to the final office action mailed on June 23, 2008 (the “Office Action”), please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below in accordance with the Rules of Practice. Submitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and the requisite fee of \$810 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e), which provides an opportunity to withdraw the finality of any office action and to enter and consider this submission. Also submitted herewith is a petition for a two-month extension of time and the \$490 fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a). No other fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this paper, however, should any fees be deemed necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct them from Deposit Account No. 50-1662 referencing the above docket number.

**Remarks** begin at page 2 of this response.